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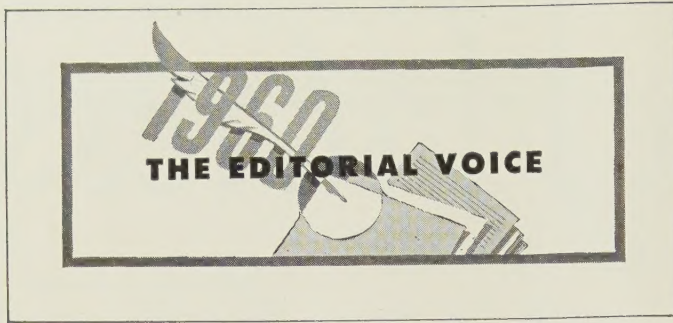
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CONFORMITY, A SNARE IN RELIGION

Conformity is the virtue of the slave and can become the vice of the saint.

It is a gloomy lesson of history that whole populations will often enslave themselves to the will of an ambitious political leader if he can promise them security and a few pennies more wages per day. And as often as not, after they have sold their birthright to him by conformity they find that they get the few extra pennies only by long hours of toil, and that the security they need most is protection from their protector.

The dictator, whether he be a political or a religious one, must be able to distribute little favors to the faithful, and these he always manages to have at hand. These favors are like the fish tossed to the performing seal, or like the salt lick of early American days placed near the shooting blind to entice the wary deer within range of the old muzzle-loader. But conformity is what the dictator must have if he is to do any dictating worth speaking of.

Now, conformity within limits is a good thing. The musician must conform to the laws of harmony, the engineer to the laws of physics and the farmer to the law of growing things. If I would learn a new language I must bow to its grammar, its vocabulary and its idiom. And civilized society is possible only because the majority of citizens conform quietly to the rules of civilized life.

When this has been said in praise of conformity there is not much left to say about it that is good. From there on it is almost wholly evil. It is evil because it can be and often is used by the dominant few to enslave the pliable many.

Almost every great soul has been a nonconformist. Millions of us less gifted persons may thank God for the sturdy dissenters who fought our battles for us, often long before we were born, by daring to rise up and challenge the status quo.

Every gain made in the field of government was made not by the masses but by a few nonconformists who put their lives on the line and refused to accept the leadership of men unworthy to lead. The curators of the status quo rolled horrified eyes to heaven and appealed to the God they conceived to be the protector of the comfortable to save their unearned positions and their well-lined nests from these vulgar malcontents. But their prayers were not heard. God was on the side of the dissenters. The measure of freedom we of the

Western world enjoy today is a gift to us from God—and from our nonconforming forebears.

We Protestants owe our religious freedom and the blessing of an open Bible to men whose sepulchers we now delight to build but whom we might not so willingly have aided if we had lived at the time when the outcome of their struggles was in doubt.

Conformity to the Word of God is always right, but obedience to religious leaders is good only if those leaders prove themselves worthy to lead. Leadership in the church of Christ is a spiritual thing and should be so understood by everyone. It takes more than a ballot to make a leader.

There is great danger in our present-day evangelical circles that we place too great importance on conformity to authorities within the churches and so stifle whatever originality and daring there may be among us. That denomination is in grave peril when the only virtue required of its ministers is conformity and the only unforgivable ecclesiastical sin is insubordination.

This situation develops when church authorities are placed in office by machinery instead of being commissioned by the Holy Spirit. To stay in the ascendancy these leaders must demand and get conformity to protective rules on the part of those under them. Such as these would far rather preside over a denomination of mediocre conformists than to be embarrassed by the presence of anointed men of vision who might unwittingly steal the hearts of the people from them. Thus when a head appears slightly above the dead level of flat conformity it is gently lopped off, ostensibly to protect the work of the Lord, but actually to retain control of the ecclesiastical machine.

No Spirit-led man is afraid of losing his position in a Spirit-filled church. Where the church is conceived to be no more than an institution, then every man honored by a place on the hierarchical totem pole will seek to preserve his treasured niche, or to secure a higher one. Then he will look for a technique for survival, and over the years imposed conformity has been the one most frequently employed by the largest number.

If the church is to prosper spiritually she must have spiritual leadership, not leadership by majority vote. It is highly significant that when the apostle Paul found it necessary to ask for obedience among the young churches he never appealed to them on the grounds that he had been duly elected to office. He asserted his authority as an apostle appointed by the Head of the church. He held his position by right of sheer spiritual ascendancy, the only earthly right that should be honored among the children of the new creation.

In the church or denomination where the Holy Spirit is in control there will be no imposed conformity, but there will be happy coöperation with the anointed leaders on the part of all. The rank-and-file soldiers of the King will recognize their true leaders; they will be the ones not with the epaulets on their shoulders but with the oil on their foreheads.

The Revival We Need

When Habakkuk prayed for revival Israel was nearing her end as a nation . . . Many movements and churches are in the same condition today . . . The sad part is they do not recognize their failure and are not seeking the Lord for the revival that would give them a new beginning . . .

By REV. ROBERT S. ROSEBERRY

A CHURCH or a spiritual movement may continue for years on past momentum, but unless new life is infused into it eventually it will die. It may be fundamental, have a high standard, a strong organization and a glorious past, but when the fire goes out on the altar and the ashes become cold nothing will avail to save it from an ignoble end except new fire kindled on its altar.

When Habakkuk prayed his wonderful prayer for revival Israel was nearing her end as a nation. Many movements and churches today are in the same condition. The sad part of it is they do not recognize their failure and defeat, and are not seeking the face of the Lord for a revival that would give them a new beginning.

We need first a revival in prayer and intercession. Intercession unlocked the heavens over Wales soon after the turn of the century. Intercession turned the tide of evil in the Hebrides at the middle of the century and resulted in a great revival. Intercession brought The Christian and Missionary Alliance into being and sent the gospel to many lands. We cannot make progress on any line without intercession.

Why should it be difficult to get people to gather together for prolonged prayer and intercession? We scarcely hold our own in the mid-week prayer meetings, and some churches are losing ground. The mid-week prayer meetings should be vibrant with life and interest, but too often they are languid. Apathy, indifference, weariness and material interests keep many away from the

*"O Lord,
revive thy work
in the midst of the years,
in the midst of the years
make known;
in wrath remember mercy."*

HABAKKUK 3:2.

place of prayer. Malachi described the attitude of Israel toward the serv-ices of the Lord: "Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! . . . and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; . . . should I accept this of your hand? saith the Lord" (1:13). Does that describe our attitude toward the prayer hour? If so, how can we be accepted of God?

We need a revival in worship. Micah expressed it well: "Where-with shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt-offerings . . . ? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" The gift without the giver is bare. We cannot worship the Lord with our gifts if our hearts are far away from Him and do not bow low before Him in worship.

We need a revival of missionary zeal. Unless messages from the field are filled with thrilling stories in-terest in a missionary convention

lags. Crowds are attracted only by something extraordinary. Yet not-withstanding the small attendance through the week, offerings for mis-sions do keep up and in many places there are increases. Some people who do not make an effort to attend the convention still give at least a portion of their income to support missions. Our giving must not de-pend on past momentum or be the result of habit. The offering an Israelite made from his flock or herd had to be a male without blemish, a voluntary offering and presented in person to be accepted. It was a sweet savor to the Lord. Our offerings to the Lord must be out of a warm, devoted heart or He cannot receive them.

We need a revival in meditation and study of the Word. The Word is the source of all strength and blessing. "But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (Psa. 1:2, 3). This is the secret of continuous re-vival. There is no other way to live an overflow life in this maze of sin and wickedness. The minister who spends much time meditating in the Word will not have a dry ministry. I found on the mission field that when I took time to wait upon the Lord early in the morning I had fresh water for the thirsty. "And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt

be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not" (Isa. 58:11). If we have water in our spring for the thirsty we will be having revival.

We need revival in fervent love for one another. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). When love is displaced in the church by malice, guile, hypocrisies, envies and evil speaking the Spirit is grieved and the church marks time until all this rubbish is cleared away.

In the church of Corinth one of its members sinned grievously. It became a matter of common report among them and they were puffed up about it. They should have been weeping. In other words, the sin seemed to have become a favorite topic of conversation and gossip. Paul rebuked them soundly and told them to deliver such a one over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh that the spirit might be saved in the day of Jesus Christ. The passage in Second Corinthians 7:11 tells how they cleared themselves: "Ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge." Not only

did the individual who did the wrong repent but the church repented of their wrong attitude toward sin.

Love covers a multitude of sins, but love does not tolerate sin; neither does it rejoice in iniquity. Love never takes pleasure in the faults and failures of others. Only those who are filled with the love of God can hope to restore to a life of victory one who has fallen.

We need revival in sacrificial service. It was the passion of Dr. A. B. Simpson for a lost world that made him the mighty evangel to his generation. His appeals for men and money to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth electrified the great audiences and caused them to pour out their treasure offerings for the evangelization of the world. Strong men like William Christie, Robert A. Jaffray, Isaac Hess, Dr. Robert H. Glover and many others left all to heed the call for service

in the regions beyond. The early pioneers were faced with strong opposition and many laid down their lives, but the advance went on until many lands were entered and work begun. Where is that urge today in our midst?

With our present potential of men and money it should be possible to go far toward finishing the task in this generation. If we had a new vision of the coming of Christ, everything would look different. Young people now waiting for a call would volunteer for service in the hardest places of earth. Money being used for selfish purposes would be released to equip them for service. Reinforcements greatly needed on every front would soon be on the march. Yes, we need a revival in devotion to our task.

"I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." ♦ ♦ ♦

In order to possess a life of communion with God—

Six Things Needful

By JAN VAN RUYSBROECK

The first three: True peace, inward quietude, constant adherence.

1. Whosoever desires true peace between God and himself will find it by loving God to such a degree that out of his own free will he giveth up entirely every inordinate practice, love, or possession; which is, or may not be, in unison with the honor of God.

2. Inward quietude will be attained by becoming free from, and unconscious of, everything we have ever seen or heard or felt or known in our own strength and imagining.

3. Constant adherence consists in constant communion with God, which is to love God out of pure love and without any other object in view than to love Him and to be loved by Him.

There are still three higher things to confirm and capacitate us for this life of constant communion with God, and we may attain thereto in singleness of mind:

4. Placidness—remaining perfectly still in the joy of God's love; that is, when love within is overcome by

Love; possessed in the purity of holy affection in the soul and in God; love in love, pleasing with love, God and soul—wherein possession and rest are one.

5. Falling asleep in the Lord, wherein the soul sinketh away out of herself, knowing not how or whereinto nor when nor what for. Which is followed by

6. A state which can neither be explained clearly in speech nor in writing. For the soul herein beholdeth a darkness into which reason cannot penetrate. She feels herself dead and lost and one with God, without the power of distinguishing. Then God is the peace, the communion and the stillness of the soul. This is a state where everything is unfathomable. Therein the soul is dead in bliss and rises again in righteousness when love shall capacitate her thereto. This is all I may say hereon.

Whoso knoweth and feeleth these things interiorly, to him the contemplative perfect life becomes as easy as the natural life. ♦ ♦ ♦

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A Verifiable Miracle—

A gracious God simply and sweetly answered prayer

God Healed My Eyes

By CAMERON V. THOMPSON

I WAS born November 25, 1912, with Marfan's Syndrome, a condition which, insofar as the eye is concerned, causes a dislocation of the crystalline lens. The light would pass through and around each lens, producing four blurred visual images. Two of them fell atop each other and could be somewhat intensified with glasses, but I had to pass through twenty-four years of my life seeing each object three times, a blurred central object which was outstanding and two ghost objects floating to the right and left and above. I could recognize no person on the street nor see the leaves of a tree nor see the blackboard even from the front row at school. Such an effect did this have on my personality that I remember two summers when I did not have courage to face people and retired during the day to a central graveyard in Tallahassee, Florida, where I read what little I could and wondered what life was about.

At the age of twenty-four I was given great relief by a pair of glasses which steered the light around the offending lenses and gave me fair vision. This was done by a prism, and, strangely enough, the idea of how the glasses should be constructed came into my mind one day as I was staring at a calendar. Undoubtedly this was from the Lord in His great mercy. From the time I was six years of age, although I did not know the Lord until I was twenty-four, I prayed as best I knew that some day I might see as other people. My eyes often pained me beyond endurance, and my problems

of adjustment were always at a maximum.

February 27, 1937, I was converted in Hazelhurst Sanatorium in Jacksonville Beach, Florida, and was instantly healed of tuberculosis, was filled with the mighty Spirit of God and called to be a missionary—all in one split second of time. I weighed only 106 pounds at the time, my normal weight being 195 pounds. A partial account of this is contained in the Alliance publication, *Modern Miracles of Healing*. It was a transcendent miracle of God, accompanied by so great a display of His power that the whole city of Jacksonville was stirred and so was much of the state of Florida. My bed was turned into a pulpit (I had to gain a little weight so I could get in my clothes), and the room was often filled with people to whom I told the wondrous works of God.

One person, who is at present a member of an Alliance church in Florida, Mrs. Lucile Enlow, had cried to God unceasingly for me for many months. My own father prayed for me with such intensity that he pushed a chair by which he was kneeling all the way across the room. To God be all the glory. It is as fresh to me this day as the moment it happened. My lungs have been the strongest part of my body from

the time the Lord Jesus Christ touched me in that room.

Now such events as these did not lead me to expect ordinary things from the Lord for the rest of my life. The world is filled with little men like myself who serve a greater God each day of their lives. When a cataract formed on my right eye in 1955, I thought at first that the Lord was going to let me be blind so that I could pray better. *And—may this be the central point of the testimony—I had to be willing to go blind before He worked.* I wrote the Portales Church of Mexico City, as bright a group of prayer warriors as I have discovered in the Western Hemisphere. As they were praying on a set date and I was sitting in my armchair in my prayer chamber, the cataract in the eye tore loose and, after some maneuvering, fell to the bottom and back of the eye, out of the way, and the sight was left at 20-20.

Then, five years later, in June of this year, a cataract which had formed some months before fell from the left eye to the bottom and back, and left it free with perfect vision, as the people of First Alliance Church of Atlanta, where I was a former assistant pastor, prayed.

Now the effect in both cases was as though I had had a cataract operation, but the Lord did the operating. I must wear a light pair of glasses to focus my vision, for there is no lens in either eye to focus it, but the two hardened lenses (for such is a cataract) lie rolling like two small red moons at the bottom of my eyes. I can bend over



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and the lenses will float over the line of vision, and when I look straight down both eyes go completely out, but I can see out and up from this time forth!

Now note this: If the Lord had taken the cataracts out of the eyes, ophthalmologists would have said, "Why, he has just had a cataract operation." If the Lord had created new lenses (easy enough for Him), they would have said, "He has always had normal eyes like that." But the Lord left the lenses in the eyes to give some scientific eye doctors something to meditate on. Dr. Cooper, of Atlanta, said, "What can a fellow say!"

Dr. Alton V. Hallum is my eye doctor. He saw the left eye blind on June 6, 1960; he saw it seeing perfectly on June 27, 1960. He greeted me with this: "So this is the man the miracle has happened to!" He was so interested in seeing the cataracts float when I leaned over that he got on the floor to see them better. He thereupon wrote a scientific statement on his own stationery, which I carry always in my pocket for the unbelieving, stating that the cataracts fell and giving the dates they fell. Dr. Markham Berry, a Christian doctor and a precious Christian friend in Highlands, North Carolina, said he had never seen anything like this in his medical career.

To Dr. Hallum the marvel is not so much the cataracts fallen, for he has seen eyes after accidents in every conceivable shape, but that the pressure had not risen in the right eye, now five years with a hard, stonelike beam in it. Textbooks say that doctors should remove a lens that is loose. Dr. Hallum said, "We will let this one alone."

On the Thursday night preceding Friday, June 10 (the date on which the cataract fell from the left eye), I was preaching on faith at First Alliance Church, Atlanta, Georgia, and committed the eye to the Lord, claiming the promise in Psalm 37:5. The sermon outline was: *Roll the need on the Lord, Rely on Him, Remind Him*. I said that the master secret is to remind God each day you are waiting like a little child and expecting Him to do the thing which was committed to Him.

I have gone into detail because the world is filled today with fake healings, false ideas about healing, false practices of healing, and healing as a commercialized business. Here is something genuine, real, substantial, Biblical and God-honoring. It is a great display of the Father heart of God, for He saw the friends at the Alliance Church standing with me, reminding Him and waiting expectantly for Him on that morning. We all told the Lord that it was a great day for Him to work, and if He was not pleased to work Friday, we would be right there Saturday expecting Him to do it. I feel the Lord is greatly pleased with such an approach, and my hope is that many friends will stop looking at their own faith—which disappears if we but glance at it—and will look off to Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and ever, and to our Father God who, when He sees His little children expectantly and eagerly waiting for something that will glorify Him, cannot resist sending it posthaste, and in the midst of much grace and glory.

This is a verifiable miracle. I did not stand in a healing line, nor jump up and down holding my hand on a television set, nor clutch a healing card all day, nor send one hundred dollars to a millionaire faith healer.

District Conferences

District and Prayer Conferences of The Christian and Missionary Alliance will be held as listed below with the deputation from the Board of Managers. Please pray for these important gatherings.

New England District. Foxboro, Mass., September 19-22, Rev. W. F. Smalley.

Northeastern District. Rochester, N. Y., September 12-16, Dr. K. C. Fraser.

Eastern District. Wilmington, Del., September 19-22, Rev. B. S. King.

Western Pennsylvania District. New Castle, Pa., September 19-22, Rev. R. M. Chrisman.

South Atlantic District. Winston-Salem, N. C., September 13-16, Rev. L. L. King.

Southeastern District. Pensacola, Fla., September 13-16, Rev. L. W. Pippert.

A gracious God simply and sweetly answered prayer with a modern miracle. To Him be all the glory!

As for the acuteness of the vision the Lord gave, I thread the smallest needle my wife has, and I carry in my pocket some print which, by actual test, not one out of two people can read but which can be read through these eyes. So bright is the vision that I am in a continuous state of astonishment until the present moment, for the whole world seems new and washed and clean, as in the bright shining after rain or as it may appear in the millennial dawn. My favorite song these days is, "Oh, it is wonderful! Oh, He is wonderful. The half can never, no never, be told!"

I wonder how many people remember the wonderful healing meetings in the New York Tabernacle in the days of Dr. Simpson? There was just a quiet waiting on the Lord; Dr. Simpson himself often would not come for fear someone would think the power to heal lay in him instead of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It could not be emphasized too strongly that the healing of a body is less than nothing compared with the salvation of a soul. At the most we are in these bodies a few score years; the salvation of a soul involves the eternities! ♦ ♦ ♦

Southwestern District. McAllen, Tex., September 20-23, Rev. L. W. Pippert.

Central District. Flint, Mich., September 12-15, Rev. W. F. Smalley.

Western District. Omaha, Nebr. (Benson), September 26-30, Dr. Nathan Bailey.

Northwestern District. Minneapolis, Minn., October 3-6, Dr. Nathan Bailey.

South Pacific District. San Jose, Calif., September 26-29, Rev. L. W. Pippert.

Pacific Northwest District. Coos Bay, Ore., October 3-7, Rev. L. W. Pippert.

Western Canadian District. Winnipeg, Man., September 14-19, Rev. B. S. King.

Eastern and Central Canadian District. Glen Rocks, Ont., September 20-23, Rev. L. L. King.

*The land is inseparably linked with the Bible
but the people are not easily won to Christ*

Missions in Israel Today

By REV. L. F. IRISH

ISRAEL is a name that draws the hearts of all who appreciate heroism, courage and love of country. For those who know God and pray for His people the interest is heightened by a consciousness that in Israel we daily are seeing prophecy fulfilled before our eyes.

This small land has one of the highest border-area ratios to be found anywhere in the world. With only eight thousand square miles of territory, it has six hundred miles of winding frontier that passes through rough, mountainous territory or Negev wastes. In addition to this, it is bounded by 160 miles of water.

Settlement of new immigrants, military vigilance, reclamation of soil, afforestation, building of roads, drilling for oil and natural gas, regulating housing developments that are springing up like mushrooms, planning to allow for rapidly expanding cities, planting villages, training the army, the air force and the navy—these are some of the varied activities which are the concern of government. A positive approach to problems and a strong will to accomplish the appointed task characterize the leaders.

Three shipping and eleven air lines link Israel with the world at large, and tourists—easily distinguished by their shiny luggage and batteries of cameras, their eyes aglow with emotions too deep for expression—are a common sight all over the country. A tourist may choose a luxurious hotel or find a modest pension. He may post a letter from the lowest post office in the world (Sdom, 1,290 feet below sea level on the west shore of the Dead Sea), visit museums to view the ancient scrolls

from Qumran and the exquisite glass collections, or go through the Hebrew University on the outskirts of Jerusalem and mingle with students from many corners of the world.

In a climate which compares favorably with the French Riviera, Florida or California, a student can delve into ancient, medieval and modern history without depending on a textbook. It is possible to drive to the old strongholds of Solomon's time such as Megiddo and Hazor, visit cities of Byzantine times in the Negev, see cathedrals of early Christian times, or walk in the footsteps of the Master in Galilee, through Nazareth, Cana and Capernaum. One may sail over that peerless gem of a lake so prominent in the lives of the first disciples and eat a fish

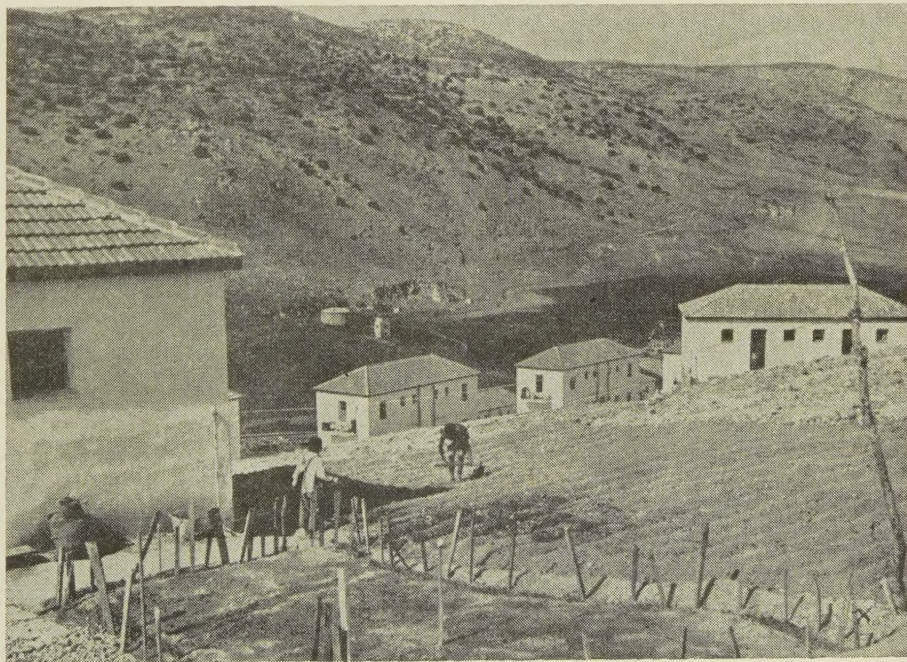
dinner at the lakeside while gentle waves lap the quay.

During the spring of the year the country is at its prettiest, for then wild flowers carpet the fields and a profusion of variety and color greets the visitor. There are fields of blue lupine, red poppies, wild tulips and irises which remind us of the familiar words, "Consider the lilies of the field."

Then there are festivals, annual events which popularize various sections. Here are a few: the musical festival at Ain Gev on Galilee, the Maccabee relay race, bringing a lighted torch to Jerusalem, and the Feast of Tabernacles, during which many unusual tabernacles are prepared, with prizes awarded for the best design. The competition in the

Once barren land is being turned into productive farms

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Sheep graze in a harvested field

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Bible quiz results in stimulating study of the Bible in the land of the Bible. In all parts of the nation the land and the Book are linked together.

In spite of the shortage of rain these last three years and the consequent hardship, shepherds still graze their flocks and herds. Thanks to plentiful irrigation, there is no lack of fruits and vegetables for table use, and acres of green surround the colonies on Sharon Plain. Our milk is now pasteurized and honey is on sale everywhere.

An area smaller than the state of Massachusetts settled by people of many nationalities with differing cultures and ways of life is bound to have problems, but solutions are being found and difficulties are being surmounted. Perhaps in no other country have the leaders learned as fast as Israel's leaders how to cope with situations well-nigh impossible.

The government is a coalition, representative even of minorities. However amusing the large number of fragmentary political opinions seemed at election time, it was easily apparent that the country still relied on Ben-Gurion and had confidence in his policies and statesmanship. There is hope that other labor parties will merge with the Mapai in the interests of even better government.

One of the outstanding achievements of modern Israel is the Weizmann Institute of Science at

Rehovot. The Memorial Park has been described as "a landscape fresh groomed and breathless, sitting for its portrait. In a plot of earth where Dr. Weizmann loved to walk the gardeners planted seeds and nurslings. Today you may tilt your head far back to glimpse the tops of Jerusalem pines and cypresses from Kashmir, Japan and the Canary Islands. [It reminds us of Isaiah's words, "And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water," for these beautiful grounds were once sandy dunes, barren and worthless.]

"Among the eighty projects going forward in twelve departments, ranging over physics, chemistry, biology, etc., is found one of the most effective research complexes in the world. Cancer research is one, and heavy oxygen is produced. There is an electronic brain with a team of engineers trained in its use and maintenance. Plastics are made from the castor bean (there are seventy odd plastics factories in the country manufacturing 2,500 different items). Nylon, dacron, plexiglas, rubber cellulose and polymer are locally produced. The cactus plant yields a starting material in the preparation of cortisone, and from the squinting cucumber a cathartic drug is extracted which is used in cancer research."

The copper mines of Solomon are now operating with modern technique. These rugged hills hum with

activity. An area which has been a desolate waste for several thousand years is now alive with men and machinery.

The southern seaport of Eilat (Elath) boasts a steadily increasing population. Ships anchor beside its front door. Air service connects it with Tel Aviv, where people fly as commonly as we take a bus trip.

The greatest needs of the Middle East are peace and water. No sure way has been found to supply these needs in the physical realm. In the spiritual realm *peace with God* and the *water of life* are even more urgently needed. Of the two million people in Israel the majority are Jewish. However, modern Judaism is a far cry from the Old Testament faith of Abraham, Isaiah, Amos, or Jeremiah. And God is still saying to ears that do not listen, "Come now, and let us reason together."

The most encouraging sign we have of any interest in spiritual things is the demand for Bibles and Testaments. We know friends who do nothing but go throughout the land distributing Scriptures and witnessing to those who will stop long enough. We often contact people who are literally sick, but who refuse to see that their physical problems are as nothing compared with their spiritual need.

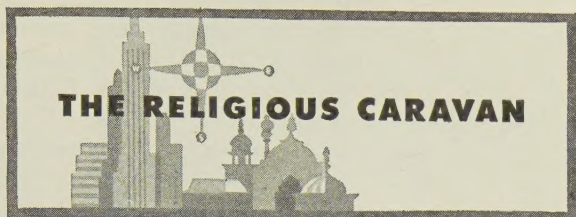
There are believers scattered throughout the land, but those who publicly confess Christ, or make known their change of faith, lose their jobs. They suffer humiliation and estrangement from family and friends.

There is a feeling current among believers that a real spiritual awakening cannot come through missionary effort but will come through the nationals. Those who labor here are ready for God's will to be wrought out in His way. Our plea is that Christians everywhere will prevail in prayer that Christ shall see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied.

We are often asked what we consider "our responsibility, and the unfinished task of evangelism." Both of these matters concern us locally, but they also place responsibility on Christians anywhere and everywhere. For if we believe that the Jew is the key to world evangelism

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THE ALLIANCE WITNESS



DAVID R. ENLOW, Reporter

AT HOME

Wichita church leaves ABC: The First Baptist Church of Wichita, Kan., which failed in its efforts to persuade the American Baptist Convention to leave the National Council of Churches, has itself withdrawn from the American Convention. Members of the church, one of the largest in the American Baptist Convention with 4,300 members, voted 739-294 to end their affiliation.

Georgia Methodist, vice foe, fired on: A Methodist minister, who spoke out against vice from his pulpit after being warned not to preach anymore about "gambling and clip joints," escaped uninjured when five rifle shots were fired into his bedroom in the early morning recently. "I'll keep on preaching along the same lines," said Rev. C. B. Studstill, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Darien, Ga. "This is no time to let up."

American Baptists break ground for headquarters: Ground was broken at Valley Forge, Pa., on a fifty-five-acre site for the \$8,500,000 national headquarters of the American Baptist Convention. Present offices are maintained at five scattered locations in New York and Philadelphia, but the new headquarters is scheduled for completion and occupancy in the spring of 1962.

Asbury Seminary receives accreditation: Full accreditation was restored to Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., by The American Association of Theological Schools on June 14, 1960. The following serve as officers of administration at Asbury Theological Seminary: Dr. J. C. McPheeters, president; Dr. Frank Bateman Stanger, executive vice-president; Dr. W. D. Turkington, dean.

IVCF plans student missionary convention: Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship will hold its sixth International Student Missionary Convention at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill., December 27-31, 1961.

President designates "National Prayer Day": Wednesday, October 5, has been designated by President Eisenhower as a National Day of Prayer. A joint resolution approved by Congress in 1952 provided that the President "shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer on which people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups and as individuals."

Survey of Bible colleges completed: A survey just completed by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges of daytime Bible institutes and Bible colleges indicates that there are 182 in the United States and 50 in Canada. Of 223 schools, 120 classify themselves as Bible colleges and 103 as Bible institutes. The total day registration in 217 institutions that reported their enrollments came to 23,584 in the first semester of last year.

MISSIONS

Presbyterian Church of Nigeria now autonomous: In connection with Nigeria's independence from Britain scheduled for October 1, full autonomy was given the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria by the (Presbyterian) Church of Scotland's Eastern Nigeria Synod at Calabar, Nigeria.

Taiwan Baptists name missionary: The six-year-old Taiwan (Formosa) Baptist Convention has appointed its first foreign missionary. He is Mu Hong Rei, who goes to Thailand to work in Grace Baptist Church and the Baptist Theological Center, Bangkok.

ABROAD

Network beams gospel throughout Korea: Rev. E. Otto DeCamp, Presbyterian missionary and director of the Christian Broadcasting System in Korea, has announced plans for a fourth station in the network which is striving to blanket the country with the gospel. Expected to be in operation by the end of the year is a station in Iri, in southwestern Korea. This will join the parent station, HLKY (Seoul), and relay stations HLKT (Taegu) and HLKP (Pusan).

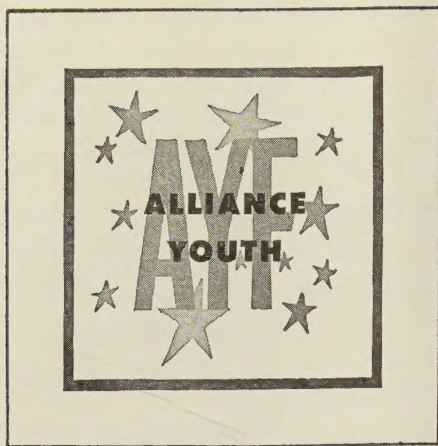
Evangelical Fellowship to build headquarters: Plans have been finalized for the construction of a permanent headquarters building for the Evangelical Fellowship of India. Leaders from over fifty evangelical churches and organizations have approved plans to erect the structure in New Delhi. Construction is expected to begin in 1961 if adequate funds are in hand.

PEOPLE

Dublin gets Protestant mayor: The predominantly Catholic city council of Dublin, for the second time in four years, elected a non-Catholic as lord mayor. Maurice E. Dockrell, a prominent Protestant, assumes this post for the coming year. In 1956 Robert Briscoe, who is Jewish, held this office.

Macaulay to head London Bible Institute: Dr. Joseph C. Macaulay is the new president of London Bible Institute, in London, Ont. He had been teaching at Moody Bible Institute.

Brazilian named to head Baptist Alliance: Dr. Joao F. Soren, a native of Rio de Janeiro and head of the Brazilian Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, was elected to a five-year term as president of the Baptist World Alliance.



WELDON B. BLACKFORD, Editor

Tribes Youth in Action

By CAROLYN GRISWOLD

It's Saturday night in Banméthuot, Viet Nam. The Land Rover pickup is loaded with tribes young people, and we're ready to leave for a short jungle trip.

In a few minutes we leave the reasonably smooth blacktop road and turn off to the side. From here it's bounce, bob, jerk and sway until we arrive at our destination.

At the village we find our host lighting a pressure lamp, and in its brilliant glare we watch a large crowd gather. In a matter of moments the longhouse is filled to the proverbial sardine capacity. The service begins as we sing "Come to the Saviour," which is followed by other hymns. The villagers listen carefully to the testimonies and are immediately impressed with the poise and enthusiasm of these bright-looking teen-agers. A fellow (or it could be a girl) reads a passage of Scripture and begins to explain the beautiful story of salvation—how God, the Creator, loves the sinner and has prepared a way through the sacrifice of His Son for forgiveness and reconciliation to Himself.

The people listen thoughtfully, not understanding this first time, yet somehow feeling that this is truth. When the invitation is given their hearts long to respond, but they are gripped with cold fear. What would happen to them and to their children if they were to turn their backs on the evil spirits? They sit and wait. Then four young men step

forward. They are ready to accept Jesus. Two of the young people explain the way of salvation and lead them to Christ.

This is an experience that never ceases to move us, the knowledge that a human soul has been delivered from heathen bondage. From that moment the lives of these converts take on an added force. They have a new Leader, and their devotion and desires are centered in Him. Christ is the pivot around which their new faith revolves.

This is our local youth fellowship in action. The Christian youth in the mountain regions of Viet Nam are typical of Christian young people throughout the world—they are eager, responsive, ambitious. Most of them found the Lord as their Saviour through the gospel witness at the Banméthuot chapel. They come from villages far and near, having been chosen and sent to the government school to be educated. They are intelligent young people who have dared to turn away from the heathenism their families have followed for centuries. Now they seek to win their fellow tribespeople to the Saviour.

Y Bok typifies the caliber of the majority of these Christian young people. He accepted Christ as a schoolboy in the Jarai gospel center at Pleiku and then influenced his younger brother, Y Dok, to believe. Later they were transferred to an advanced school in Banméthuot. Here both boys became a part of

the church youth group. They enthusiastically entered into the activities and eagerly gave testimonies whenever there was opportunity, using a mixture of the Raday and Jarai languages.

On vacation they witnessed to their own people at home. This village is known for its extreme superstition and terror because of the evil spirits. Y Bok particularly was fearless in his efforts to prove the power of God through the gospel of Christ. Gradually their mother and other members of the family began to realize the transformation in the lives of the two brothers. Today there is a small group of believers in this village. Other young people also have led their families to God.

Our young people of today are tomorrow's leaders—tomorrow's church. What potential for the cause of Christ among the tribespeople! Satan also sees the possibilities. He seeks in every way to deceive them, to destroy their faith and to damage their testimony. But we rejoice in the fact that "greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

AYF News Briefs

The summer edition of the *AYF Compass* is now out. If you have not yet subscribed to our national youth paper, do so today. The subscription price is \$1.00 per year in the United States and Canada; \$1.25 foreign.

Materials are being prepared for a united fall youth emphasis program in the Sunday school and AYF. The theme of the program is Youth Contact. It promises to be an inspiring plan in contacting youth for the church.

Youth Week, usually observed in the fall, will be scheduled for early in the year. Watch for announcements of the special emphasis for January.

A beautiful gold chain AYF bracelet can be bought from Christian Publications, Inc., Third and Reily Streets, Harrisburg, Pa., \$1.00 each.

Four Things Do Not Return

Four things come not back:

*The spoken word,
The sped arrow,
Time past,
The neglected opportunity.*

—OMAR IBN AL HALIF.

THE ALLIANCE WITNESS



Dining room for the new Bible school at Nhatrang, Viet Nam



Mr. and Mrs. Tin are capable and faithful Vietnamese missionaries to the Tribes. Mr. Tin has done considerable translation work.

What Bible School Meant to Me

By REV. PHAM-XUAN TIN

In the fall of 1933 I had just gotten settled in the Bible school at Tourane. My older brother sat near me in my own room.

"Why have you come? Did Father send you to tell me something? Is he well?" I asked him.

"We were told that you left your work and entered the monastery. There will be no opportunity to see you again, so I have come to say farewell. Father is very sad because of you. He said that you are a stubborn son, a headstrong boy. You have abandoned our religion and embraced a foreign one. And now you have left your father, your brothers and your sisters and your work to enter this monastery. Father thinks that you are demon possessed. He has disinherited you but says he will forgive you if you repent and leave your God."

In tears my brother tried to persuade me to return to Buddhism. He came to see me in Tourane when he heard that I had sold my small pharmacy and enrolled in the Bible school which he called a monastery. My father and my brothers and sisters didn't understand the difference between a Bible school and a Catholic monastery. They hated the gospel and called it an American religion.

I tried to explain again to my brother about the way of salvation

and what the Bible school was, but not very long after that he left me very angrily. From that day he didn't come again to bother me.

During the three years I studied in the Bible school God taught me many things and poured out upon me countless blessings.

First of all, God taught me that "when my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up" (Psa. 27:10). I had a lot of brothers and sisters in the Bible



Since The Christian and Missionary Alliance pioneered in Viet Nam in 1911 tens of thousands of persons have believed in Christ. It has always been a fruitful field, yet opportunities were never more challenging than today. An increased staff of trained Vietnamese is the only way to meet the emergency.

For lack of facilities many young Vietnamese have been unable to enroll in Bible school. An enlarged campus now being made at Nhatrang will permit the many needed national workers to receive training. The facilities include three dormitory-classroom buildings (each housing 100 students), a chapel, dining room and kitchen, and faculty houses. . . . The project is nearing completion, yet the amount required is far from being met.

During July \$3,303.27 was received. The balance still needed is \$133,948. Send your gift for this purpose to

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school. My soul rejoiced in that good and holy fellowship.

Second, it was in the Bible school that I met God personally through His Word and by prayer. God spoke to me many times when I knelt reverently before His Throne. Many crises were fought also in the Bible school. The enemies came often to tempt me in many ways, but victories were granted from God.

Third, I learned to look at Him, my loving and living Father, the Creator of all things, as the One who can meet my material need. I trusted in Him also for my financial problems during my second and third years in the Bible school.

And it was also in the Bible school that God taught me how to trust in Him for strength and healing of my body. I didn't have good health but by faith I claimed His promises of divine healing.

Finally, it was in the Bible school that God gave me a vision for the evangelization of the tribespeople in the highlands of Viet Nam. God called me and set me apart for this work. I obeyed Him and went up to the jungle to seek the lost sheep for His Name.

Now how my soul is grateful to Him for many precious lessons, blessings and experiences that God granted me during my time of studying at the Bible school.



Japanese churches are inclined to limit all their evangelistic activities to the summer months. Their unheated chapels in some cases are too small to accommodate many more than regularly attend. That was true in Niihama, where the congregation met in a 15 x 15 foot room. The pastor of that church suggested to his congregation that they celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary this year by undertaking special evangelistic services.

PICTURES BY A. P. MCGARVEY

Evangelism the Year Around in Japan

By REV. A. PAUL MCGARVEY

Committees met frequently to discuss plans and to consider building a larger place of worship. Gallons of tea were consumed!



ALTHOUGH the church in Niihama, Japan, has twenty-five years of history it has not experienced revival since the war until now. Of all the testimonies we heard at the anniversary meetings the most moving was that of Pastor Asaki.

He said, "I have realized that my pastoral life has been the work of the flesh. God has revealed to me that only prayer and service in the Spirit can produce any fruit. Now the Lord Jesus reveals His presence in my message and it is received with tears. The church members are revived and have hope. God fulfilled His promise when He said, 'I will do a new thing—it will take place soon.' God revived me and I can fulfill my precious responsibility. With Christ I will proceed in my work, learning daily from the Lord. I hope we can glorify Him."

Several believers were restored to

The congregation secured a downtown hall for the first series of meetings. Attendance and interest were good and many people responded to the invitation to receive Christ as their Saviour. A class of inquirers meets for instruction each week.

the faith during the evangelistic meetings. One young man who backslid during his junior high school days, in spite of his Christian home training, was restored to the Lord. Another away from God was restored after twenty years. A young lady confessed she had been attracted and ensnared by the world, but repented and pledged her "pleasure" money as an offering to the new church building. A physically ailing mother wanted healing but realized that deliverance from spiritual darkness was her greatest need. When she found victory her physical needs also were met.

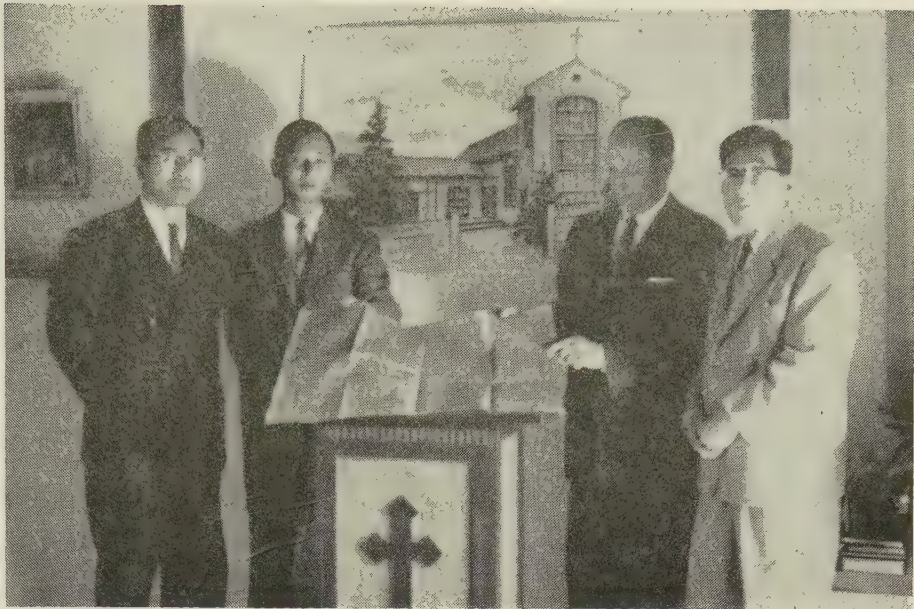
There is now a weekly class of about twenty inquirers receiving instruction at the church from a layman and his wife who have dedicated their lives anew to God.

For our next meeting we moved from the sunny island of Shikoku to the unevangelized city of Atsuki. This was an entirely different kind of meeting in a pioneer area. Even though cold weather was on and snow was coming, we felt this was the right time.

In addition to the advertising and house-to-house visitation by our Yonago pastor and our missionaries, the Van Schootens, the "Alliance Hour" radio program had been heard in the city for months. Therefore the name "Alliance" was well known. We had been making friends every Sunday morning by radio.

From the beginning we were impressed with the Spirit's presence. The very first night a policeman was saved. For years he had wanted to go to a Christian church and this was his first opportunity. His heart was open. The second convert was a man who had been providentially kept through the war, the lone survivor of a submarine battle. This

The crowds attending the meeting indicated their desire to coöperate in the building project by contributing almost \$300 in the offerings. Preliminary drawings have been submitted by an architect.



experience led him to believe the "gods" were in his favor. When he heard of Jesus and His love his heart yielded in repentance. These two men along with others (some of whom have been studying our radio correspondence courses) have become the backbone of what promises to be a new church in Atsuki. An average of about fifteen believers now gather weekly for meetings.

It is our hope to enlarge this program of special evangelism during the coming "cold weather" months. This will supplement the summer work, when most meetings are held, and establish a thorough, year-round evangelistic program.

Financial needs for this kind of work run high. We must assist the

local churches. If the Lord has laid it on your heart to help, please mark your special gifts "Evangelism — Japan" and send them to the Treasurer, The Christian and Missionary Alliance, 260 West 44th Street, New York 36, N. Y. This year the Japanese churches will be continuing their evangelistic efforts and will need your prayers for this throughout the winter.



Salt, when dissolved in water, may disappear, but it does not cease to exist. We can be sure of its presence by tasting the water. Likewise, the indwelling Christ, though unseen, will be made evident to others from the love which He imparts to us.—SADHU SUNDAR SINGH.



India-Marathi

Pray for several missionaries who are in physical need. . . . Pray for revival in the Amraoti and Badnera churches.

Guinea, West Africa

Pray for the Lord to restore Samuel Dobo, a promising young Toma worker who recently fell into sin and is at present under discipline. . . . The Toma Church Committee has released one of its oldest workers, Cova Zoumanigui, to the Kankan church and district for this year (6/29/60 issue). Pray that his ministry will result in the salvation of many and in spiritual growth in the lives of the Christians. . . . A missionary's request for a visa to enter the Republic of Guinea has been refused. Pray that the next application will be granted and that other requests will not be refused.

Gabon

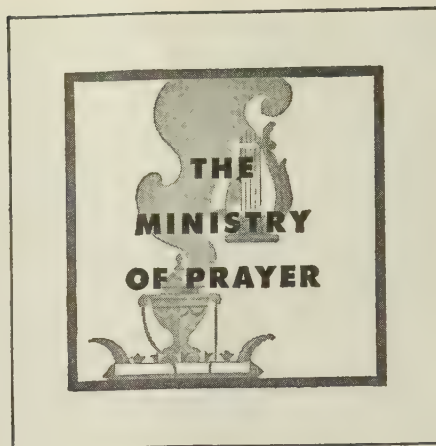
In order to bridge the gap in missionary personnel (2/24/60 issue), Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Cook, Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Fairley and Rev. and Mrs. Waldo Schindler are prolonging their terms. This will only temporarily meet the need, however, and does not solve the problem of too few missionaries for Gabon. Pray for continued good health for those who are staying. Pray that missionaries now on extended furloughs may soon be able to return to the field. Especially pray the Lord of the harvest to call and send out new recruits. . . . Consecrated young men are urgently needed to teach in our French schools. Pray that a sufficient number will be secured for the new term opening in October.

Viet Nam

Over ten thousand people live in the city of Quang Tri, none of them Christians. A missionary couple is now located here. A bookroom has been opened where people can read Christian literature and inquire about the gospel. A weekly gospel broadcast over the local public-address system reaches all the city. Pray that God will call out a people in this city for the glory of His name. . . . Pray also for a village of over two thousand people near Quang Tri where there are now three Christians and where services are being held each week. . . . The Bible school is to open on the new Nhatrang campus in September, D.V. Pray that the new buildings under construction will be finished and furnished in time. Pray that the faculty which is now reviewing new applications will have wisdom in selecting the student body. Pray that the enrollment will be larger than ever before.

Cambodia

August 25 is the opening date of the fall semester of the Bible school at Ta Khmau. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Ellison as they take up this new ministry. Pray for the national teachers, Kru Kung and his wife. Some evil stories have been started about them,



causing some Christians to be bitter toward this couple. Pray God to overrule in this. Pray, too, for the four students who hope to return for classes (6/29/60 issue); opposing forces are at work, especially in regard to Dararith and Pok Sua. May they put the Lord's call first, no matter what the cost.

Laos

Five students finished their second-year Bible school work and are assigned to various areas of ministry. Praise God that the school year concluded with an excellent spirit between the students and the Mission. Two of the students who had withdrawn returned to finish their year's work satisfactorily. Another one, however, is experiencing a real trial and suffering. Seemingly God is dealing with this young Mèò tribesman; pray for him. . . . Rejoice that the chief of the guardsmen of the northerly province of Phong Saly recently came to Vientiane and, by God's providence, heard the gospel and believed through the testimony of Barnabas, the young Chinese pastor. Well instructed by Barnabas, the soldier was radiant in his Lord when he was called back to duty in the north. This is a real opening in that province of 88,000 people, most of them tribesmen who have never heard the gospel. Pray for the witness of this soldier among them.

Thailand

The church in Roi Et is trying to buy a small piece of land for a chapel. The owner's first price was increased considerably when he found that Christians want to buy. Pray for God's guidance and, if necessary, overruling. . . . Praise God that Rev. P. J. Undheim's health has been restored and he and his family are able to return to the field. Pray the Lord to keep them strong in body as they take up their duties there. . . . Praise the Lord for the report that Rev. J. W. Nabors is confident the Lord is working in his body; pray that they may soon return to Thailand. . . . Pray, too, that Rev. P. W. Gunther will be restored to that measure of health most glorifying to the Lord. . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Packo, appointed to Thailand to sail this fall, are being detained in the States because she can-

not at this time get medical clearance. Pray that she will know the Lord as her health and strength in time to sail in 1961.

Peru

While traveling through the Taya-bamba-Huacrachuco area (5/18/60 issue), missionaries held Bible conventions in the capital cities of both of these provinces. In spite of opposition, the officials of the cities attended the services. Pray for the next conventions to be held in these places—in Taya-bamba, September 22-25, and in Huaychuo, September 29-October 2. Pray that it may be a time of reaping from the Word sown in May and June. . . . Pray for Rev. Fred Kowalchuk as he assumes the duties of chairman.

Chile

Conditions in southern Chile have not been exaggerated by the daily press. Shocks continue and waters dammed in the Andean lake region by earth falls and augmented by torrential rains have flooded the Valdivia River valley. Because of the quakes railroad communications from the north to Osorno were out until July and completely destroyed between Osorno and Puerto Montt. Communication by coastal boats is made difficult because port facilities have been destroyed. Contact by plane is possible when the weather permits. Pray for pastors and people in all this area where many of the Alliance churches are located. They are living in an atmosphere of incredible tension. God is able to keep each one in victory.

China-Hong Kong

After the tremendous blessings of the late 1940's upon the work in the Rennies Mills Camp, the Christian group settled into ruts. Pray for a real revival to stir this church and to awaken it to its great opportunities in the camp among the refugees. The women's work shows signs of awakening; they are learning the joy of tithing the earnings from their handwork and the church is thus prospering and making strides toward self-support. Pray that this beginning will be used of God to move the whole church.

Israel

Pray for (1) revival of believers and a new sense of boldness to stand for Christ, (2) salvation of the lost and liberty for those who desire to acknowledge Christ, (3) distribution of the Scriptures, (4) contacts made by the missionaries in their travels, (5) the work in Beersheba, (6) God's continued grace and renewed health for all.

Philippines

Alliance missionaries are ministering among Moslem people in the Philippines—the Tausug, Samal, Bajao, Yakan and Maguindanao Moslems. These people, so proud of their hopeless, fatalistic religion, so antagonistic to the gospel and so hardhearted, are yet precious to God. Prayer, much prayer, is needed.

The Cambodian language is written in a system of characters that originated in southern India around the sixth century.

These characters have both artistic appeal and religious meaning. The Cambodian derives pleasure from being able to write them well. But more than enjoying their beauty, he has a deep respect for the characters themselves. To him they are sacred in origin and possess spiritual power.

Efforts to romanize the Cambodian character have met with stiff resistance from the religious leaders. They have felt that romanization would eventually crush traditional sacred teachings and, consequently, would infringe on the control that the Buddhist clergy hold over the people.

The purpose of these attempts of romanization was primarily to make the Cambodian character adaptable for modern typesetting machines in order to facilitate rapid distribution of information. Even today all type is still set by hand.

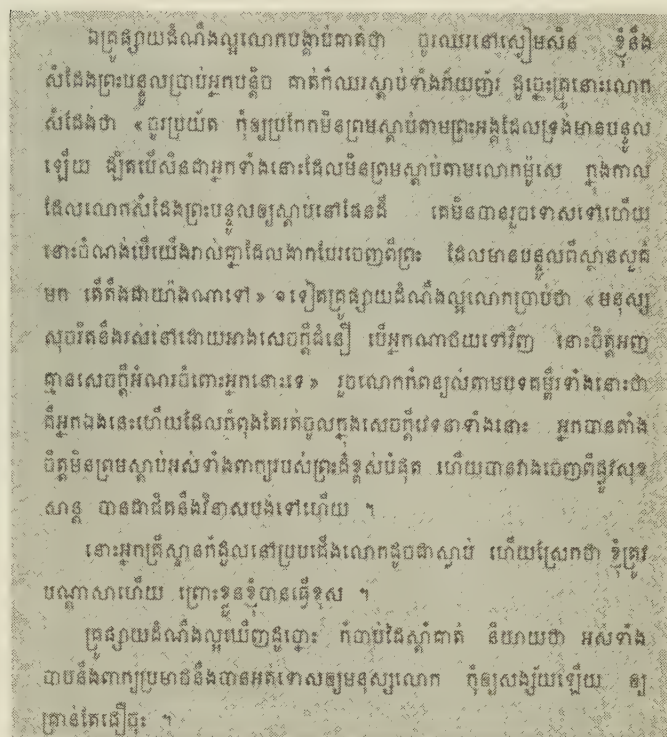
The characters form an alphabet of thirty-three consonants, twenty-one vowels, twelve unmodified sounds, eight accent and special marks and ten numerals. Cambodian is read from left to right the same as English. It differs in that characters are placed above or below, as well as following each other; there is no space between words, and punctuation is denoted by space rather than by punctuation marks.

With their roots deep in ancient Indian culture and present religious feeling, the Cambodian characters combine to form one of the neatest and most beautiful alphabets of the world.

—C. M. WESTERGREN.

A page from "Pilgrim's Progress"

Sacred Characters: The Cambodian Script



MISSIONS IN ISRAEL

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for God's appointed time, then we should place the Jew in the center of our interest, our prayers and our witness.

This is a time of seed sowing, and the results cannot be reckoned in statistics. Our progress may seem slow, but that is no excuse for slackness in prayer or witnessing.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance has two stations in Israel, Jerusalem and Beersheba. Rev. and Mrs. Laird Kroh are in charge of our work in the south and with the

help of a fine young couple are maintaining a good witness. We have a Bible shop and reading room in the town, in addition to the Mission residence and chapel. There are regular worship services and Bible study classes. Itineration with Bibles and New Testaments is also a part of the missionary's work.

Here at Jerusalem we also have regular worship services, weekly Bible study classes and private classes for inquirers. We have had some interesting contacts here, as well as through itineration.

Opportunities to witness are limit-

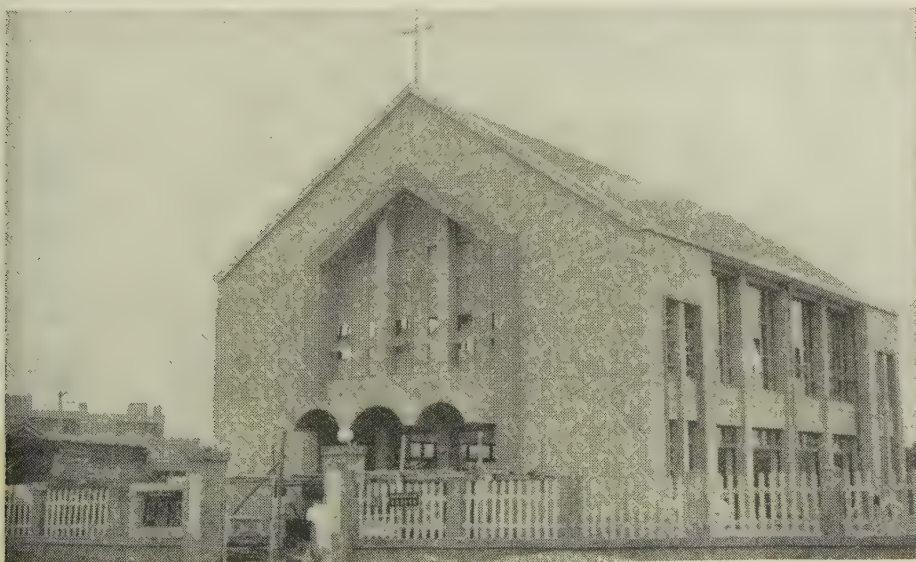
less and bring us into contact with those who are seeking an answer to problems they have long pondered. One session with a new contact usually causes him to see the Word of God in a new way and helps restore his faith in the Scriptures as the revelation of the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the prophets of old. Our hearts burn when we see light dawning in the eyes of an inquirer and we hear the pertinent questions he puts to us.

God's people round the world must pray for Israel as never before and give of their best to carry out the great commission and to echo the cry of Paul in Romans 1:16, "To the Jew first."

The first Alliance church of Taipei, Taiwan (Formosa), was dedicated in a great service of praise and thanksgiving on Sunday, July 17, 1960. Pastor James Ling has the oversight of the work.

The building, seating five hundred persons, was designed by Mr. W. Ren, Formosa's outstanding architect and a member of the Alliance Church.

The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Rev. Philip Teng, of Hong Kong, president of the Chinese C. & M. A. churches. Dr. Hollington Tong, former China ambassador to the United States, opened the door and led the procession into the church. Mrs. Earl Woodberry, the former Ada Pierce, who was one of Dr. A. B. Simpson's pianists, played the new piano imported from Hong Kong.





JAMES B. HARR, Reporter

To the Fields

Miss Yvonne V. Heiden left July 29 for her second term in New Guinea.

Dr. and Mrs. Dean F. Kroh and children, David, Daniel, June and Dean Keith, left August 3 to resume their medical ministry in Congo.

Rev. and Mrs. S. Thomas Burns and children, Judith, Stanley, Joanne and Nancy, left August 7 for their fourth term in the Sudan—Upper Volta Mission, West Africa.

Miss Grace L. Scudder left for her sixth term in Colombia on August 9.

On Furlough

Rev. and Mrs. J. Clyde Ritchey and children, Brenda, Mary, Judith and Jonathan, arrived July 29 from the Ivory Coast, West Africa. They have completed their first term.

Rev. and Mrs. R. Joseph Adams and children, David, Steven, Rosalys, Gordon and John, arrived August 1 from the Sudan, Mali Federation, Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph M. Shellrude and children, Glen, Beverly and Marilyn, arrived August 5 from Guinea, West Africa.

Miss Vonnie M. Morscheck arrived from Indonesia on August 6.

Rev. and Mrs. Fordyce W. Tyler and children, Paul and Janis, arrived August 9 from the Voltaic Republic, Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. Francis J. McKinney, Francis, Jr., and Laura arrived on August 10, having completed their sixth term in Sudan, Mali Federation, West Africa.

The New Generation

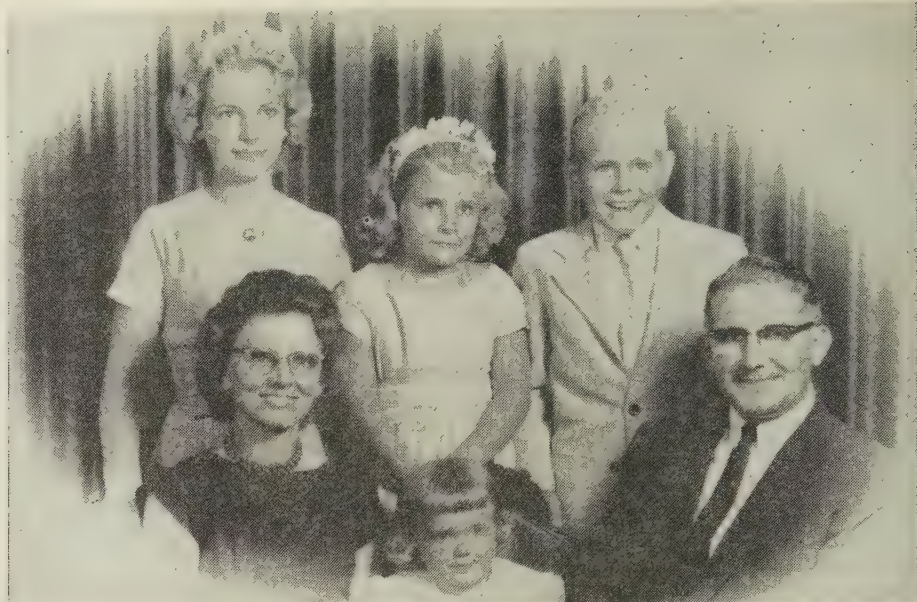
To Rev. and Mrs. Levoy H. Taylor, Wooster, Ohio, a son, Eric Nathan, on June 12.

Correction

Rev. and Mrs. K. P. Lewis have returned to their work in Ecuador, not Colombia, as we erroneously reported.

With the Lord

On July 20 Rev. Gordon Little went to be with the Lord. Though having been forced to retire in 1958 due to ill health, Mr. Little preached as often as possible



Rev. and Mrs. S. Thomas Burns and family, Sudan, Africa

in the absence of pastors, and most recently had helped at the district conference at Delta Lake, N. Y.

Mr. Little was born in Montreal, Canada, in 1896. He was graduated from Nyack Missionary College and also attended Bible Seminary in Albany, N. Y. He began his ministry in 1934 in Clark, N. J., also serving churches in Einghamton, N. Y., and Harrison, N. J., from which church he retired.

The funeral service held in Kearney, N. J., was conducted by Rev. L. J. Isch, Sr., District Superintendent, assisted by Rev. Youngve Kindberg, Assistant District Superintendent, and Rev. Alfred Booth, of Jersey City. Pastors of the area formed an honor guard. A World War I veteran, Mr. Little was buried in the Baltimore National Cemetery on July 25. He is survived by his wife, Nora H. Little, and a son, Gordon, Jr.

Mrs. Della V. McKiver, associated

with the work in the Northwest District since its beginning, went to be with the Lord on July 10. When the work was started in Minneapolis she became a charter member of the Grand Avenue Alliance Church. The funeral was held from the church on July 13. Mrs. McKiver is survived by three daughters, Mabel, Pearl and Vida.

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Yvonne V. Heiden
New Guinea



Grace L. Scudder
Colombia

Dr. and Mrs. Dean F. Kroh and family, Congo



Sunday

LUKE 11:1-10 (verse 8).

In our Father's house there is bread enough and to spare. "Three loaves" this friend gave to the hungry wayfarer. Nay, three were asked; he seems to have given far more, at least, was willing to give "as many as he needed." These three may be suggestive of our threefold life and God's complete provision for it in every part—spirit, soul and body. Have we claimed the ample measure?—A. B. SIMPSON.

Monday

GENESIS 21:9-21 (verse 14).

If ever a day comes when you are called upon to do what seems to you hard and difficult, do as Abraham did. Arise in the morning hour to meet your God in a spirit of willingness to accomplish only His will. If you desire to walk in Abraham's footsteps and to sacrifice all to God, yea, even what is dearest, then go to meet God in the early morning hours. To you, too, on rising early, He will reveal Himself as the Lord.—ANDREW MURRAY.

Tuesday

1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-10 (verse 9).

Called unto the fellowship of Christ seems to mean called unto a community of interest and of destiny with Christ. One Spirit is to be common to the believer and Christ. To each there is one life of humiliation, one eternity of glory; to each the hatred of the world. Christ's peace and joy are the believer's; the same love of the Father is given to each; there is to each a resurrection and ascension. But he that is called to a part is called to the whole. If we suffer with Him, we shall reign with Him.—GEORGE BOWEN.

Wednesday

ROMANS 5:1-11 (verse 5).

*I love my God, but with no love of mine,
For I have none to give;
I love Thee, Lord; but all the love is
Thine,
For by Thy love I live.
I am as nothing, and rejoice to be
Emptied, and lost, and swallowed up in
Thee.*

—MADAME GUYON.

Thursday

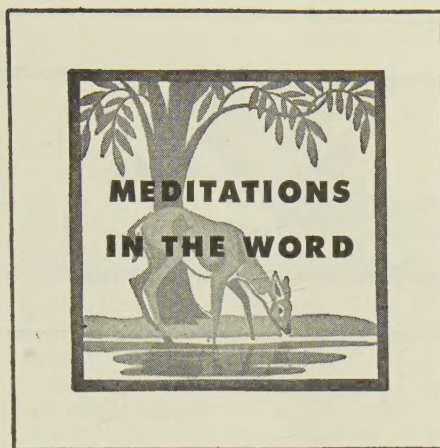
JOB 28:12-28 (verse 28).

True or right fear is discovered by three things: First, by its rise; it is caused by saving convictions for sin. Second, it driveth the soul to lay fast hold of Christ for salvation. Third, it begetteth and continueth in the soul a great reverence of God, His Word, and ways; keeping it tender and making it afraid to turn from them to the right hand or to the left, to anything that will dishonor God, break its peace, grieve the Spirit or cause the enemy to speak reproachfully.—JOHN BUNYAN.

Friday

ACTS 12:1-11 (verse 8).

Peter was liberated from the shackles that bound him: a work outside his own hands



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had made him free. Nothing he could have done himself would have loosed him from Rome's power. But it remained for him to choose whether or not he would obey the angel and follow him to the absolute freedom of civilian life. Repentance and faith in Jesus Christ will break the shackles of sin, but the choice must be made as to whether or not that liberated soul will fully obey Jesus' command, "Follow me," and walk into the "life more abundant" here and hereafter.—PAMEIL.

Saturday

PSALM 19 (verse 7).

The works of God declare His glory, but not His will. . . . We could never find a gospel of salvation for lost sinners in the works of God. How thankful we should be for His Word which tells us all these things. It teaches us how to live. It is a perfect law; not perfect only in that it is without flaw or mistake, but also in that it is complete as a revelation, containing all we need to know to be saved and to reach the full stature of perfect man.—J. R. MILLER.

Sunday

PSALM 45:10-17 (verse 10).

"Consider." This word literally means "to sit down together." She must sit down with Him and let Him talk to her. She must let His message sink into her heart. She must think. Ah, how little we meditate and let the Lord's message sink deep into our spirit! True consecration and deep spiritual life must begin in contemplation and communion in the secret place of the heart. "Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still," is the psalmist's appropriate word.—A. B. SIMPSON.

Monday

JOHN 14:16-26 (verse 21).

O what a glorious promise! What manner of love is this! Lord, I would not exchange my cross and sufferings, much less Thy love, for the love and honors of the world. Only make it more known to me how great Thy love is, and how much Thou hast forgiven me, that I may love Thee much again, and be thereby still better purged from the inordinate love of temporal things. It is my earnest de-

sire that the gates of my heart should be opened to none but Thee, that Thou mayest dwell in me.—GOLDEN TREASURY.

Tuesday

ACTS 5:17-29 (verse 29).

They put them in prison—but! They thought they could keep them there—but! That "but" is like a stone wall, and opposition always runs into it as long as the church keeps herself pure and full of the Holy Ghost. Here was a group of men who were filled with the impelling fire of the Holy Ghost, and in the face of the bitterest opposition they *must* obey God. That is always the language of holy people.—GOSPEL BANNER.

Wednesday

REVELATION 21:1-8 (verse 4).

*Not now, but in the coming years,
It may be in the better land,
We'll read the meaning of our tears,
And there, sometime, we'll understand.*

*God knows the way, He holds the key,
He guides us with unerring hand;
Sometime with tearless eyes we'll see;
Yes, there, up there, we'll understand.*

*Then trust in God through all thy days;
Fear not, for He doth hold thy hand;
Though dark thy way, still sing and praise,
Sometime, sometime, we'll understand.*
—MAXWELL N. CORNELIUS.

Thursday

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13 (verse 13).

It is quite easy for us to justify ourselves in our worries. We are deluded into believing that the things over which we worry are unusual in our lives. We forget the fact that in each life there are problems and difficulties inviting worry. . . . It is characteristic of the enemy of our souls to engage us in worry. If the enemy can induce us to worry he has started us staggering toward defeat.—J. C. MCPHEETERS.

Friday

ISAIAH 44:21-28 (verse 21b).

How wonderful is this statement from the very heart of the eternal God: "Thou shalt not be forgotten of me"! Israel, so perverse and rebellious! Israel, whom God had redeemed from Egypt by the blood of the Passover lamb and the waters of the Red Sea, and yet was so forgetful of it all in following her own willful way! God could have been justly excused in forgetting her. The history of the church as well as the individual believer in many cases is but a repetition of Israel's attitude. Still God's love will not allow Him to forget. "Return . . . repent!"—PAMEIL.

Saturday

EXODUS 25:1-9 (verse 2).

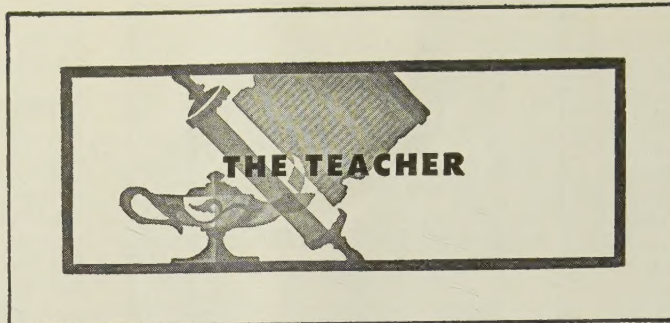
Gold has no value in heaven. They use it there to pave the streets with—better gold than we have down here, transparent gold. God can make gold as easily as He can make dirt; but He knows that man has his heart set on it, and what He wants is what your heart is set on. If you love Him you will give Him everything.—D. L. MOODY.

August 28, 1960

LESSON TEXT—
Isaiah 30:1-3, 15-18

GOLDEN TEXT—
Isaiah 30:15

DEVOTIONAL READING—
Ephesians 6:10-17



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LESSON TEXT—
Isaiah 10:5-7, 12-15;
14:24-27

GOLDEN TEXT—
Isaiah 14:27

DEVOTIONAL READING—
Psalm 37:1-9

The Danger of Military Alliances

The small kingdom of Israel and the smaller kingdom of Judah were located between two world empires. These were Egypt on the south, and Assyria on the north. Sennacherib, king of Assyria, was on the march, and Judah (as Israel also did to its sorrow, 2 Kings 17:4) sought to enter into an alliance with Egypt for protective purposes. Isaiah warns against this in verse 15.

I. THE TREASON OF THE REBELLIOUS (Isa. 30:1-3).

There is (1) *contrariness*. The source of their counsel was not of God (v. 1). Failure to seek the wisdom of the godly raises grave questions, to say the least. Can it be that confirmation rather than guidance is wanted when we act in this way? *Method*, too, as well as *motive*, was suspect because the covering (that wherein they trusted) was not Spirit-inspired. This refers to the golden-calf worship, a thing of human devising. It was periodically revived. Fleshly self-help added the sin of rebellion to that of disobedience. "Not of me . . . not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin" graphically says it. (2) *Conduct*. The phrase referring to going down into Egypt (v. 2) indicates that the spirit of the league was already in effect. They preferred a league with Egypt, even without God, than to have God's help without Egypt. Believe it, nobody is helped when the professor of grace seeks succor or help from the world. "Go ye not into Egypt" (Jer. 42:19). Obedience to God's command was the will of God; a test of faith; a protection to piety; a sign of contentment. (3) *Consequences*. Shame and confusion were to be the outcome (v. 3). Verses 4-7 indicate Egypt to be a worthless, procrastinating power, loud with the offer of promises but sitting inactive when prompt performance was demanded. Hear it: "Egypt helpeth in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I called her *Rahab that sitteth still*" (v. 7 ASV).

II. THE TRUST OF THE RIGHTEOUS (Isa. 30:15-18).

Three steps mark the way of the nation's return. These hold upon every level. (1) *Compliance*. It was "in returning and rest [trust]" they would be saved. It is not without design that the first word is "returning." Its significance in Scripture is that of a rightabout-face that betokens moral agreement with God. This is followed by the "rest" (trust) that obeys God's will and takes God's way. (2) *Confidence*. "In quietness [tranquillity of soul] and in confidence shall be your strength." The hoped-for cavalry of the Egyptians would be but a monument to their folly (vv. 16, 17). But the salvation of the Lord would be their strength. The saved are the strong. Righteousness and weakness are never synonymous. (3) *Compassion*. "Therefore will the Lord wait." He waits to be "gracious"; to be "exalted"; that He may "have mercy"; and to execute "judgment."

"Blessed are all they that wait for him" (v. 18). The word "wait" is full of meaning. It serves to bridge the gap between here and there. In the beginning of this verse the Sovereign waits; at the close of the verse the suppliant waits and is "blessed" in the waiting. Some meanings of the word are: to tarry in expectancy, to pay attention to, to seek after, to serve, as well as to depend on and to await instructions.

"Blessed are all they that wait for him." It is thus that strength is renewed and we are girded for the race.

God's Hand in History

Sennacherib, the Assyrian monarch, was on the march. The little kingdom of Judah stood between him and Egypt to the south. Jerusalem alone had held out against this terror from the north. Judah's king was the righteous Hezekiah and Isaiah was its most powerful citizen. The latter's policy of "Do right and trust in God" prevailed (at least for once) over the current politician's plan of "Sin and play off Egypt against Assyria." Besieged Jerusalem was not taken and the "bird in the cage" of Sennacherib's boast escaped.

The prophecy begins with the first verse of the lesson text. God's chosen, for the first time in their history, come face to face with a world empire. All had fallen or were falling before Assyria and their god, Asshur. How would Jehovah fare now? Read the boastful challenge of the invader as recorded in verses 9 and 11. What kind of a God was it that ruled the world? Wicked and warlike, as Asshur? Or righteous and peaceful, as Jehovah? It was a time of crisis in history.

Isaiah has a three-point answer to the challenge: *First*, Jehovah is not merely a local deity; He is the God of the whole earth, even of Assyria. *Second*, wicked nations are sometimes the "rod" with which He scourges the nations. *Third*, Assyria, having served that purpose, is about to be cast aside.

Since Jehovah is God, He must have some use for Assyria. Nations forget that Jehovah is holy. When men sin His wrath breaks out on them. Assyria is the "rod of (his) anger, and the staff in their hand is (his) indignation." But now discipline has done its work and a holy remnant is to emerge. The punishment recorded in Isaiah 10:12-15 is to become a reality and the tree mentioned in Isaiah 11:1, having been felled, is to produce a shoot from its stump. The twig is to be one of hope and of peace. It is to be salvation by a remnant (10:21).

Isaiah foresees a deliverance as in the ancient days. Jehovah of hosts (10:33) is hewing in the forest. And it is the hewing of a "mighty one" (v. 34). One can almost hear crashing timbers. At its height, says the prophet, the arrogant threat of Assyria shall fail.

In contrast to the forest, "there shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots shall bear fruit" (11:1 ASV). The king of the world shall not be Asshur but the Lord! His reign shall be righteousness and peace. "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain."

Isaiah illustrates for his and every age the magnificence of faith. He boldly claims all the world for Jehovah. He counts on the prophecy that the whole earth is to be full of the glory of the Lord (6:3). Since Jehovah-God is everywhere and everything, other gods are nowhere and nothing. Providence is not on the side of the biggest guns.

God is never without ways and means to accomplish His purposes. Neither national nor world crisis finds the Creator wanting. History reveals that when the Almighty has swept nations with His broom He has found ways to burn the broom.

"It may have been after the invasion of Judaeian territory had thus actually commenced, and while the main army of the enemy was hourly expected at the gates of Jerusalem itself, that Isaiah uttered 14:24-27" (Driver).

THE ALLIANCE FAMILY

(Continued from page 16)

Ohio Congregation Dedicates New Parsonage and Organ

The Alliance congregation in Kinsman, Ohio, held a Sunday dedication service recently for their new seven-room, \$14,000 parsonage. The District Superintendent, Rev. D. N. Clark, was present for the afternoon occasion. In the morning service Mr. Clark also dedicated the church's new Thomas electronic organ, a gift from Mr. Claude Foster, of Cleveland. Rev. C. E. Mock is pastor in Kinsman.

Pastoral Changes

Rev. Roy K. Batchelor, Spokane, Wash.

Rev. Willard D. Crunkilton, Kings-ton, N. Y.

Rev. C. D. Lowe, Miami (South-west), Fla.

B. J. Chapman, Holdredge, Nebr.

Relief for Chile

Christians around the world are joining in sending help to their fellow believers in Chile. The floods which followed the earthquakes have in some instances wiped out whole towns, and the need is very great.

We are happy to report that \$28,496 was received in July. This brings to \$50,456 the amount received toward the \$145,000 required for the rebuilding of churches.

From Hong Kong came a gift of \$60.00. Students at the Telekoro Bible School, Republic of Guinea, sent \$8.70, while the church at Bobo, Voltaic Republic, sent \$20.70. Christians in the Philippines sent \$132.33, nearly half coming from the church in Jolo, a Moslem community. The Shut-In's Day Association has sent two gifts, while the Mission to Orphans, Salem, Cuba, has also contributed toward this project. To all of these, and to the many others in the homeland who have sent large and small gifts, we express our thanks.

Your gift for this purpose may be so designated and sent to The Christian

and Missionary Alliance, 260 West 44th St., New York 36, N. Y.



Maxims of the Saints

Watchfulness

Those in the highest state of religious experience desire nothing except that God may be glorified in them by the accomplishment of His holy will. Nor is it inconsistent with this that holy souls possess that natural love which exists in the form of love for themselves. Their natural love, however, which within its proper degree is innocent love, is so absorbed in the love of God that it ceases for the most part to be a distinct object of consciousness; and practically and truly they may be said to love themselves *in and for* God.

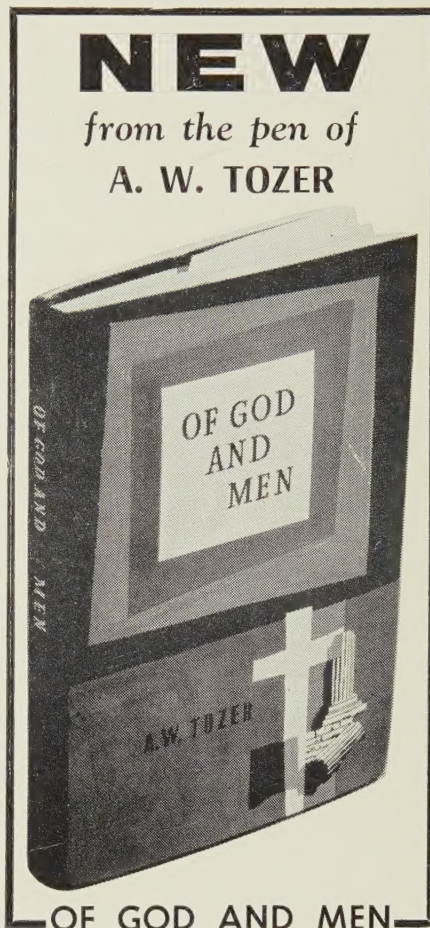
Adam, in his state of innocence, loved himself, considered as the reflex image of God and for God's sake. So that we may either say that he loved God in himself or that he loved himself *in and for* God. And it is because holy souls, extending their affections beyond their own limit, love their neighbor on the same principle of loving, namely, *in and for* God, that they may be said to *love their neighbors as themselves*.

It does not follow, because the love of ourselves is lost in the love of God, that we are to take no care and to exercise no watch over ourselves. No man will be so seriously and constantly watchful over himself as he who loves himself *in and for* God alone. Having the image of God in himself, he has a motive as strong, we might perhaps say, as that which controls the actions of angels, to guard and protect it.

It may be thought, perhaps, that this is inconsistent with the principle in the doctrines of holy living which requires in the highest stages of inward experience to avoid those reflex acts which consist in self-inspection because such acts have a tendency to turn the mind off from God. The apparent difficulty is reconciled in this way. The holy soul is a soul *with* God; moving

as God moves; doing as God does; looking as God looks. If, therefore, God is looking within us, as we may generally learn from the intimations of His providences, then it is a sign that we are to look within ourselves. Our little eye, our small and almost imperceptible ray, must look in, in the midst of the light of His great and burning eye. It is thus that we may inspect ourselves without a separation from God.

On the same principle we may be watchful and careful over our neighbors; watching them, not in our own time but in God's time; not in the censoriousness of nature but in the kindness and forbearance of grace; not as separate from God but in concurrence with Him.—FÉNELON.



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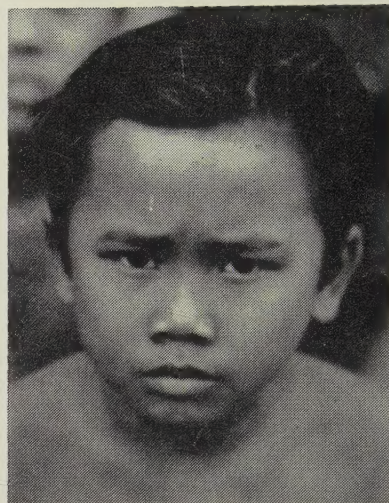
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Desire your children in the morning of their life to begin and seek the Lord, and to remember their Creator in the days of their youth, to cleanse their way by taking heed thereto according to God's Word.

Youth is a glassy age. Satan finds a swept chamber, for the most part, in youthhood and a garnished lodging for himself and his train. Let the Lord have the flower of their age; the best sacrifice is due to Him. Instruct them in this, that they have a soul, and that this life is nothing in comparison of eternity. They will have much need of God's conduct in this world to guide them past those rocks upon which most men split, but far more need when it cometh to the hour of death and their appearing before Christ. Oh, that there were such a heart in them to fear the name of the great and dreadful God, who hath laid up great things for those that love and fear Him! I pray that God may be their portion.

—SAMUEL RUTHERFORD.

*Serious young Indonesian,
from Bali*



PHILIP GENDREAU

*How a false report produced
a wholesome spiritual reaction*

Sunday Isn't Enough

IN the mountains of the picturesque Indonesian island of Sumbawa live the Donggo people. So great is their hunger for God's Word that leaders in the church find it necessary to conduct classes every afternoon. As one elder observed, "Sunday isn't enough for our children to learn the Scriptures."

This state of affairs is in great contrast to that which has caused the heart-aches of recent years. During that time only a few people had any real desire for spiritual nourishment. Worship services were a bedlam of babies crying, dogs barking and loud conversations. Most Donggo "Christians" merely tolerated visiting preachers. They clearly didn't want to be bothered.

After several years of fruitless labor two faithful Indonesian workers had given up trying to help the Donggo tribe and had turned to more fruitful fields. The men who succeeded them had no real concern. The last one even reported to the Balinese newspapers that all the Donggo Christians (about 2,000 persons) had finally embraced Islam. He was resentful of disciplinary action against him.

Aroused by this false report a soft-spoken deacon from the Sengari Donggo church went personally to Singaradja to refute it. The head of the Office of Religion, greatly impressed, immediately visited the Donggo area. After questioning the Christians for two days he published a corrected report.

Then came a decided change. Two fine churches on the same island responded to the need by releasing their pastor for one week in each month to minister among the Donggo people. Local deacons led services the other weeks of the month. Where indifference and disorder had prevailed there is now a spirit of revival.

Now the true foundation is laid for faith. After World War II the Office of Religion had directed the Donggo tribe to choose a recognized religion. They had adopted Christianity because it did not require their abstinence from eating pork as Islam did. At last they are realizing that the kingdom of heaven is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

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